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RPD Deputy Chief named Palm Springs Chief of Police

Dave Dominguez will take reins in February; follows Richard Dana to chief role

Riverside, CA -- For the second time in just over one year, a member of the Riverside Police Department command staff has risen to the role of Chief of Police in another city in Riverside County.

David G. Dominguez, who has served as Riverside Deputy Chief of Police since 2003, was appointed the new Chief of Police for the Palm Springs Police Department, Palm Springs City Manager David H. Ready announced today.

"This appointment is a testament to Dave's successful 28 years in law enforcement; his demonstrated leadership and overwhelming commitment to community policing," Riverside Chief of Police Russ Leach said.

Dominguez began his law enforcement career with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department in 1979, serving in corrections, detectives, training, community policing and other roles. He joined the Riverside Police Department as a Lieutenant in 1994.

At Riverside, Dominguez served as an Area Commander, in Investigations, Personnel and Training, and Patrol. He was promoted to Captain in 2000, with command over Field Operations, and later, Investigations Division. Chief Russ Leach appointed Dominguez Deputy Chief of Police in 2003. At various times, Dominguez commanded both the Administration and Operations functions of RPD.

Previously, on August 14, 2006, Riverside Police Commander Richard Dana was chosen by the City of Hemet as their new Chief of Police. At the time, Commander Dana was third in command at RPD, ending his 35 years of service with Riverside Police Department as Chief of Staff.

"I'm very proud of these distinguished command officers, rising from our ranks to their new roles as chiefs of police," Chief Leach said.

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